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To the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society,

I am writing to express my gratitude toward the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society for making possible my biology internship with the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge over the past year and a half.

As a Refuge biology intern, I assisted in field research and sample processing for an interagency mangrove fertilization project. I conducted survey techniques for migratory birds, shorebirds, wading birds, colonial nesting birds, gopher tortoises, and small mammals. I also assisted SCCF’s Marine Lab with seagrass monitoring. My work in Sanibel’s mangroves, seagrass beds, and estuaries has fostered a deep admiration for and appreciation of the valuable services provided by these unique ecosystems.

This internship has launched me into my next career step as a Biological Science Technician at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, which the Society is making possible with funding for the position. I am so excited to stay on the Refuge biology team in an official capacity and to further support the protection of valuable Refuge natural resources and wildlife.

Thank you for providing this amazing internship experience, and I look forward to continuing building strong working relationships with Society and Refuge staff moving forward in my new position.

Best,

Avery Renshaw